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Sir:

In order to fulfill the requirements of candor and good faith set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants submit herewith the following Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98.

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Drexel et al.	4,524,616	June 25, 1985
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Germany	DE 34 08 779C2	March 21, 1985
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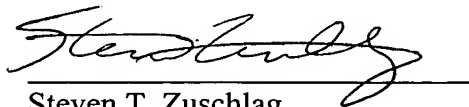
Copies of the references set forth above have been enclosed herewith for the convenience of the Examiner and a separate listing of the same has been set forth on Form PTO-1449 also enclosed herewith.

Four of the above-listed foreign language references have been cited in a German Search Report issued in a corresponding German Patent Application. Accordingly, a copy of the German Search Report showing the degree of relevancy of these references is enclosed. Additionally, the relevancy of the remaining DE 202 08 716 and DE 201 00 874 publications is stated in paragraphs [0002] and [0003], respectively, of the present application.

In view of the present submission, it is believed that the present application is in all respects complete and in condition for examination and favorable consideration which is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to the present application, he or she is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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